

GREATEST OF ALL FESTIVALS HERE

Perfect Plans of Wednesday Club Promise Notable Series of Concerts.

FAMOUS SINGERS IN WORLD'S BEST MUSIC

Remarkable Modern Composition, "The Beatitudes," to Be Presented on Opening Night. Beethoven's Fifth Symphony to Be Rendered by Orchestra.

WHAT are practically the final arrangements for the May Musical Festival of the Wednesday Club, so far as they concern the making of the programs and the selecting of the artists who will assist the club in presenting those programs, have now been completed.

During the winter the board of governors of the club has held several meetings for the discussion of club affairs, and at all of these meetings the question of the character of the music to be presented this year has been very prominent. The board has felt that, while the standard of the music must be kept up, everything possible should be done to provide music of such a varied character that no patron of the club may have cause to be disappointed.

Through its music committee the board has studied this question very carefully, and as a result of its labors it now confidently offers five concert programs, all of which are excellent, and each of which will satisfy the most exacting tastes.

Remarkable Work.

One or more concerts of a musical festival are usually devoted to oratorio. The custom has been generally followed by the Wednesday Club, but this year the works offered on the opening night are of such a character as to deserve particular mention. "The Beatitudes," by Cesar Franck, is the most modern oratorio of any note in existence. It belongs to the modern French school of compositions, and while the work is termed an oratorio, it does not follow the well-known form of composition with which the public is so familiar. It is a deeply religious drama. It is a fabric woven of most exquisite colors, deftly arranged. The composer presents "The Beatitudes" in a most original and novel way, in which two soprano soloists, two tenor soloists, baritone and bass soloists, chorus and orchestra take part. Every variety of form—solo, duet, trio, quartet, chorus and double chorus—is made use of. The music is a masterpiece of the teaching of each beatitude, the composer introduces in the text much that is antagonistic to them, only to bring out later the spirit of the beatitude itself through the agency of the beautiful music. The work is a masterpiece of a "Celestial Choir." The skill with which Franck introduces this "Voice of Christ," with quiet, calm dignity and strength, in the midst of all the confusion and turmoil produced by the terrestrial voices, is so well known that one need only say in passing, for the benefit of some who may have forgotten, that in this composition is the celebrated duet for two sopranos and chorus, "I Waited for the Lord," the even more celebrated choral, "Let All Men Praise the Lord," and the still more celebrated—perhaps the greatest tenor solo of its kind ever written—"The Sorrows of Death," in which occurs that wonderful and oft-repeated cry, "Watchman, will the night soon pass?"

On the second night of the festival the club will offer a program of secular and what may be termed light music; and a most attractive one. It will include for the orchestra three brilliant numbers, and also the "Peer Gynt" suite of Grieg, well-known to most, but probably only in its place of form. It will be a great treat to hear it played by the orchestra. For soprano, contralto and tenor soloists there are songs and groups of songs, all to be sung in English, and with orchestral accompaniment. This to many will be a most attractive feature of the program.

Mr. Carl Webster, the gifted young cellist, will be presented in a brilliant number, and the club will be heard in part songs and with soprano, tenor and contralto soloists. The vocalists will be assisted by the orchestra. The club will also be heard in part songs and with soprano, tenor and contralto soloists. The vocalists will be assisted by the orchestra. The club will also be heard in part songs and with soprano, tenor and contralto soloists. The vocalists will be assisted by the orchestra.

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MURDER BY NIGHT-RIDERS

Masked Men, Heavily Armed, Shoot Hedges Down at Farm. LEXINGTON, KY., March 21.—The first murder by night riders since the tobacco war began in Kentucky occurred early today in Nicholas county, when a telephone wire was cut and a death by a member of a masked gang of outlaws.

Seventy-five armed men, Sach Hedges, son of the murdered man and an eye-witness to the killing, told the Nicholas Dispatch correspondent, killed Hedges and his son, and then proceeded to the growing of a tobacco crop. Hedges offered not to raise a crop this year, and promised to plow up his plant bed, when some one in the crowd fired. Hedges staggered into his home and fell, dying shortly afterwards. The son, who stood by his father when he was shot, went to the door and begged the mob to leave, saying they had shot his father. Several of the outlaws then entered the house, after leaving guns outside, went to where Hedges lay dying, examined his wound, and said: "Yes, he is shot; well, it was an accident."

All then mounted their horses and rode away. The first warning the Hedges home had of the approach of intruders came when a heavy stone was hurled against the house. It awakened the family, and Mr. Hedges and his son started for the door to get them to go away. Both were unarmored, but Hedges, Sr., carried a shotgun, and he fired at the door and seeing the size of the crowd returned and set his gun down, being afraid to fire. A conversation, and the shooting followed. The riders cut telephone wires in the neighborhood. A telephone message says that a mass-meeting of citizens will be held Monday and a reward offered.

A state of practical anarchy prevails in almost every county in Central Kentucky, and the situation is growing worse. Tobacco beds are being plowed up by farmers to make room for other crops. Growers have decided it is the better part of valor to accept warnings scattered broadcast and not attempt to resist the crop thieves. Hundreds are leaving the State.

JOHN D. COMING HERE

Findings August 20 Warm He Will Spend Week in Richmond. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) AUGUSTA, GA., March 21.—John D. Rockefeller and party will leave Augusta Monday at 3 P. M. for Richmond. Accompanying him will be Mrs. Rockefeller, his little daughter, Miss Madeline McCormick, his granddaughter, and John Hafner, secretary.

The party will occupy a reservation in one of the regular Pullman cars on the Atlantic Coast line. Extraordinary warm temperature here has driven the oil king to the more comfortable climate of Richmond. He will remain in that city a week or ten days, and include in his program to visit Hot Springs. His party originally included Mrs. Rockefeller, his little daughter, Miss Madeline McCormick, but business has forced them to rearrange their plans. Mr. Rockefeller expressed his intention of returning here next winter.

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FOR SALE OF LIQUOR

Nearly a Hundred Indictments for Violating Law in Scott County. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) GATE CITY, VA., March 21.—Seventy-nine indictments were returned in jury session here this week, the majority of them being for selling liquor along the South and Western railroad. The grand jury estimates that a thousand indictments would have been made if the witness had known the names of the offenders. A systematic effort will be made by justices of the peace to punish this class of offenders.

This week three Italians and one native were convicted before magistrates here for selling liquor and fined \$100 each. The two Italians paid their fines. The other two offenders are in jail.

DISTILLER TO PRISON

Prominent Atlanta Man sentenced for a Year and a Day. SAVANNAH, GA., March 21.—A. K. Atkinson, a whiskey distiller of this city, formerly of North Carolina, was convicted in the United States Court today of defrauding the government by failing to pay the tax upon all of his product.

When the court pronounced sentence of a year and a day in the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Atkinson said that many offenders against the revenue law in Georgia had been compromised on the promise that they would not transgress again, but Atkinson's was different, because he was standing and his integrity, and he should have known better.

TRAIN STOPS ROBBER

Man Who Had Robbed Post-Office Severely Injured by Train. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ASHEVILLE, N. C., March 20.—In an effort to make a quick getaway after the robbery of the post-office at Arden, a young man from South Carolina, attempted to board a moving freight train, but fell beneath the wheels. One foot was cut off and he is otherwise badly injured.

Miller, who is in a serious condition, will be kept at the hospital for treatment, and then in the event of his recovery, he will be removed to the county jail to await the action of the Federal court in May.

YOUNG LADY FROM VIRGINIA DIES OF SPOTTED FEVER

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BOSTON, MASS., March 21.—Miss Edmonia Haskins, a pretty girl, who moved to Springfield, Mass., a few years ago with her parents, from Farmville, Va., is the latest victim of the dreaded spotted fever. She was immensely popular in the young social set of Springfield; was well educated and talented. Miss Haskins was twenty years of age.

The Times-Dispatch informs its subscribers that it will not accept any of its failure to receive their papers prior to 9:30 A. M. Before that time all missing copies will be made up and sent by a special bicycle courier service.

FEWER CARS ARE IDLE

Number Not in Use Reduced by Over 20,000 in Last Thirty Days. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BOSTON, MASS., March 21.—According to the bulletin issued by the American Railway Association the number of idle cars on 162 American roads has been reduced by 21,415 from the total of February 19th. The district comprising Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina shows a comparatively small decrease, the total being 18,425 for eleven roads, against 18,699 on February 19th. The largest decrease is in the Mississippi Valley district of over 10,000.

SKATERS RESCUED GIRL FROM NEGRO

Miss Frazer Knocked Down and Dragged Into Alley Near Gamble's Hill Park

HER SCREAMS FOR HELP ATTRACT MERRYMAKERS

Young Woman Fought Desperately and Was Painfully Injured Before Assistance Came. One Man Under Arrest, and Police Looking for Another.

ATTACKED by a negro, knocked down and dragged into an alley beside her residence Miss Elizabeth Lee Frazer, of No. 203 Arch Street, fronting on Gamble's Hill Park, escaped from her assailant last night and fled to her home in a bruised and hysterical condition.

The attempted assault occurred shortly after 8 o'clock, in plain sight of the park, and the screams of the young lady brought to her assistance several of the skaters who were, and others passing through the place. The negro made off down the alley between Third and Fourth from Arch to Byrd Streets.

Cried for Help.

Miss Frazer, who is a trained nurse by profession, and who is barely over twenty years of age, left her home just after supper, going to the corner at Third and Arch Streets to post a letter in the mailbox on that corner. She left the hall door open and was not out of sight of the house.

Returning, she crossed the end of the alley in the center of the block along the front of Gamble's Hill Park, and was there accosted by a negro, who stepped forward and seizing her arm, attempted to drag her into the alley. Miss Frazer fought valiantly, receiving several severe bruises about the face and arms, which later necessitated the attention of a physician. Her cries for help alarmed the frequenters of the park, and the negro was scared off. He ran down the alley, leaving the girl staggered into the house and summon assistance.

Negro Arrested.

Police headquarters was promptly notified, and as each man called in over the police phones he was notified to keep a lookout for the negro. Bicycle Policemen Thurman and Wiley were at once dispatched to the scene to make an investigation.

About the time of the attack, Policeman Perkins, whose beat takes in the Gamble's Hill section, was on duty on the corner of Second and Byrd Streets. He saw a negro man run hastily down Byrd Street from Third to Second, beside the entrance to the railroad tunnel, and enter a saloon on the corner of Second and Byrd Streets. A few minutes later Officer Perkins reported to headquarters and was informed of the attack on Miss Frazer. Along with Officers Wiley and Thurman, he visited the saloon, and the negro, who answered the description given by the young woman, Officer Thurman put his hand on him, saying: "We want you."

The negro, who later gave his name as Andrew Jackson, standing in the crowd of Saturday night loafers of the negro bar, said once, "I know what you want. I ain't the nigger what 'saulted dat lady."

Answers Description.

Jackson was taken by the officers up to the Arch Street residence, where Miss Frazer, now under the care of her physician, was unable to identify him positively, although she said that so far as she could remember, he answered the description as to clothes and appearance.

Going up to the second floor, he was about twenty-five years of age, five feet seven or eight inches tall, bright colored. He wore a light Stetson hat.

Miss Frazer was so evidently unnerved by the experience she had gone through that a physician advised against any further attempt to identify the negro last night, and Jackson was locked up at the Second Police Station.

The police are also looking for another negro, a side partner of Jackson's, who bears none too good a reputation, and who may be able to throw some light on the affair.

Caused Excitement.

Occurring in a peaceful and quiet section near the end of Third Street, the affair occasioned no little excitement last night among those who heard of it. Several residents of the neighborhood expressed the hope that, with the clearing out of the saloons from South Second Street, this element of negroes might be driven from that part of town.

APPROVED BY DEMOCRATS

Party Leaders Indorse Times-Dispatch's Utterances Touching Daniel. (From Our Regular Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, D. C., March 21.—The editorial in the Times-Dispatch today on the flight which the Bryan people are proposing to make against sending Senator Daniel as a delegate to the Denver convention and the declaration of the paper in advocacy of an unlimited delegation from Chairman Taft created a great deal of comment in Washington.

The position of the paper was approved practically unanimously by Democrats generally. The editorial was made the subject of extended comment by various newspaper correspondents in their dispatches to-night.

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CHARLES D. LARUS DIES SUDDENLY

Prominent Richmond Man Passes Away at Midnight After Brief Illness.

APPARENTLY WELL DURING YESTERDAY

Drove Five Miles to Farm in Afternoon, and Seemed in Usual Health—Well Known as Tobacco Manufacturer, and Member of Board of Aldermen.

M. R. CHARLES D. LARUS, prominent tobacco manufacturer, bank president, member of the board of Aldermen, and one of the most widely known citizens of Richmond, died suddenly last night at 12 o'clock at his home, No. 1 West Grace Street. Up to three hours before the end came he showed not the slightest sign of sickness. Early in the afternoon he drove out to his farm, about five miles down the river, and on his return, except for complaining of feeling cold, seemed to be in his usual health. About 10 o'clock he was seized with a violent attack of acute indigestion, and was summoned, and after a few minutes Mr. Larus appeared to be getting better, talking with the doctor on business subjects up to a few moments before he died. The direct cause of his death was heart failure.

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MORE TALK NOW OF BEATING BRYAN

Not Agreed on Another, But Opposition Will Try to Prevent His Nomination.

HAVE BEGUN TO FIGURE ON THE NEEDED VOTES

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WILL JOIN NEW PARTY

Georgia Populists to Have Meeting to Decide Upon Course. AUGUSTA, GA., March 21.—A meeting of the Populists of Georgia is to be held in Atlanta Tuesday under call of Chairman Hallaway, at which it is understood the principal business will be preliminary arrangements for an alignment of the Populists with the new independent party.

Delegates will be selected to attend the St. Louis meeting April 2d, when it is intended all the reform parties shall be reorganized. The Populists of Georgia will support the movement, but their party is to be absorbed on the one proviso that Thomas E. Watson is made the independent party's presidential nominee. The two parties are understood to be at divergence on but practically one point. Watson, being almost unanimously wedded to the greenback money system, the alignment is expected to bring strength throughout the South to the new organization.

FAIL TO INDORSE BRYAN

Rhode Island Democrats Prefer to Send Uninstructed Delegates. PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 21.—The Democratic State convention, in a lively session in Music Hall this afternoon, decided not to indorse resolutions favoring the nomination of William J. Bryan for the presidency, but referred the resolution to the delegates at large to act upon at their individual discretion. The convention elected eight delegates at large, who will go to the national Democratic convention unpledged.

National Committeeman George W. Greene, a close friend of Mr. Bryan, was elected one of the delegates, and will undoubtedly succeed himself on the national committee. After the convention the Bryan men expressed themselves as perfectly satisfied with the result.

The delegates at large elected followed Governor James H. Higgins, Pawtucket; former Mayor George W. Greene, Woonsocket; Judge Frank E. Fitzsimmons, of Lincoln; Colonel Patrick H. Quinn, of Warwick; Peter C. Cannon, of Providence; former Senator David J. Barry, of Providence; and former Senator Sumner Mowry, of South Kingstown.

Senator T. P. Gore, of Oklahoma, attended the convention and addressed it upon questions of national interest.

TAFT ON FIRST BALLOT

Governor Cummins Thinks He Will Be Nominated and Beat Bryan. NEW YORK, March 21.—Governor B. Cummins, of Iowa, who was in town to-night attending the Iowa Society dinner, said that Secretary Taft will be nominated on the first ballot and elected. He also predicted that Bryan will be the Democratic candidate.

"The State of Iowa for Taft for President," said Governor Cummins, "because he represents the Roosevelt policies. The Republicans there believe that if he is elected he will follow up those policies. They have been consistent